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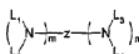
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(54) Organic electroluminescent device

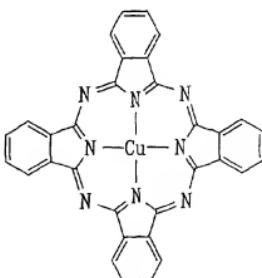
(57) Disclosed is an organic electroluminescent device including a first electrode, a second electrode, and a light-emitting layer having a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes, one of the host materials is a composite including the following structural formula:



Moreover, one of the host materials can be a sub-

stituted or non-substituted quinoline derivative.

FIG. 1B



Copper(II) phthalocyanine(CuPc)

Description

[0001] This application claims the benefit of the Korean Application No. P2001-67267 filed on October 30, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**Field of the Invention**

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[0002] The present invention relates to an organic electroluminescent device, and more particularly, to an organic electroluminescent device having a red luminescent layer of which luminescent efficiency is greatly improved.

Discussion of the Related Art

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[0003] Lately, demands for flat panel displays occupying less space are increased in accordance with the trend of increasing a screen size of a display device. One of the flat panel displays is called an organic light emitting diode (OLED) or an organic electroluminescent display. And, technology for the organic electroluminescent display is developed rapidly, whereby various prototypes have been in market already.

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[0004] The organic electroluminescent device emits light in a manner that electric charges are injected in an organic layer formed between a hole injection electrode(anode) and an electron injection electrode(cathode) so as to form a pair of electron and hole to generate an exciton and an excited state of the exciton falls to a ground state so as to emit light.

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[0005] The organic electroluminescent device has excellent characteristics of wide viewing angle, fast response, high contrast, and the like, thereby being applicable to a pixel of a graphic display, a television video display, a pixel of a surface light source, and the like. Moreover, the organic electroluminescent device can be formed on a flexible transparent substrate such as a plastic substrate and made to be thin and light as well as shows an excellent color tone. Hence, such an organic electroluminescent device is suitable for the next generation flat panel display(FPD).

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[0006] Moreover, the organic electroluminescent device enables to express three colors including green, blue, and red, needs no backlight of a well-known liquid crystal display(LCD) so as to show less power consumption, and has the excellent color tone. Therefore, many concerns are focused on the organic electroluminescent device as the next generation full color display.

[0007] A process of fabricating a conventional organic electroluminescent device is explained in brief as follows.

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(1) First of all, an anode is formed on a transparent substrate. In this case, ITO(indium tin oxide) is used as an anode material.

(2) A hole injection layer(HIL) is formed on the anode. CuPC(copper phthalocyanine) is mainly used as the hole injection layer formed 10~30nm thick.

(3) A hole transport layer(HTL) is formed. The hole transport layer is formed of NPB[4,4'-bis[N-(1-naphthyl)-N-phenylamino]-biphenyl] so as to be 30~60nm thick.

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(4) An organic light-emitting layer is formed on the hole transport layer. In this case, a dopant is added thereto if necessary. For instance, in case of green luminescence, Alq₃[tris(8-hydroxy-quinolate)aluminum] is used as the organic light-emitting layer so as to be formed 30~60nm thick. And, MQD(N-methylquinaldicridone) is used as the dopant.

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(5) An electron transport layer(ETL) and an electron injection layer(EIL) are formed successively on the organic light-emitting layer, or an electron injection transport layer is formed thereon.

In green luminescence, Alq₃ used in the organic light-emitting layer has an excellent capability of electron transport, whereby the electron injection/transport layer(s) may not be formed additionally.

(6) Finally, a cathode is formed, and then a passivation layer is formed.

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[0008] In such a structure, each of blue, green, and red luminescent devices can be realized in accordance with how the organic light-emitting layer is formed. Yet, red luminescence of high efficiency has difficulty in being realized.

[0009] Generally, CuPC having excellent hole injection capability and thermal stability is used as a hole injection layer in OLED(organic electroluminescent display).

[0010] The thicker CuPC is formed, the more hole injection occurs. Yet, a color is shifted strongly to blue.

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[0011] Hence, in luminescence of a full color OLED, red wavelength is absorbed so as to reduce an efficiency of red greatly.

[0012] If CuPC fails to be used as the hole injection layer, low T_g(glass transition temperature) of the hole transport layer brings about degradation between the anode and hole transport layer so as to decrease durability of the device.

[0013] Moreover, when CuPC is formed 10~60Å thick, absorption of red wavelength hardly occurs but hole injection is degraded so as to reduce an efficiency of the device greatly.

5 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

[0014] Accordingly, the present invention is directed to an organic electroluminescent device that substantially obviates one or more problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

[0015] An object of the present invention is to provide an organic electroluminescent device enabling to increase a red luminescence efficiency by developing a host system transferring energy to a red luminescent material efficiently.

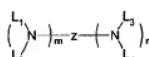
[0016] Additional advantages, objects, and features of the invention will be set forth in part in the description which follows and in part will become apparent to those having ordinary skill in the art upon examination of the following or may be learned from practice of the invention. The objectives and other advantages of the invention may be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description and claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

[0017] To achieve these objects and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the invention, as embodied and broadly described herein, an organic electroluminescent device according to the present invention includes a first electrode, a second electrode, and a light-emitting layer having a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes.

[0018] Preferably, a composition of the light-emitting layer includes 0.01~30wt% of the guest material and 0.05~99.9wt% of the host materials.

[0019] Preferably, the guest material is selected from the group consisting of a DCM derivative, a Nile red derivative, a Coumarin derivative, a Phodamine derivative, a pyromethene derivative, and a benzothioxanphene derivative.

[0020] Preferably, one of the host materials is a composite including the following structural formula:



30 wherein (m+n) is an integer of 1 to 8;

z is A_1 or $-A_2-Q-A_3$;

A1 is selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group wherein a bond between A_1 and nitrogen(N) is connected to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group or an amide or imine bond if A_1 is the aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocycle group,

A_2 and A_3 are aromatic hydrocarbon groups or heterocycle groups substituted or non-substituted independently, respectively, a bond of A_2 , A_3 and nitrogen(N) can be connected to the aromatic hydrocarbon group or the amide or imine bond;

Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB wherein a bond of $Q-A_2$, $Q-A_3$, or $Q-A_2-A_3$ is connected to the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB, a substituted or non-substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or a bond of amide, ester, carbonyl, azo, and imine if Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or a heterocycle group; and

45 L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 are selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, a silyl group, and a hydrogen atom, respectively wherein L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 can be bonded to each other chemically, equal to each other, or different from each other.

[0021] Preferably, one of the host materials is a substituted or non-substituted quinoline derivative.

[0022] In another aspect of the present invention, an organic electroluminescent device includes a first electrode, a second electrode, a light-emitting layer having a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes, and a hole injection/transport layer formed between the first electrode and light-emitting layer.

[0023] Preferably, a maximum PL luminescent peak is at least 550nm and maximum PL luminescent peaks of the first and second host materials are 500~600nm.

[0024] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description of the present invention are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0025] The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate embodiment(s) of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the invention. In the drawings:

5 FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B illustrate structural formulas of NPB and CuPc used in the present invention, respectively; FIG. 2A illustrates a graph of an EL peak wavelength range of a device having a light-emitting layer including a first host only and an EL wavelength range of a device having a light-emitting layer including a second host only; and FIG. 2B illustrates a graph of an EL wavelength range of a device having a light-emitting layer including a mixture of first and second hosts.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

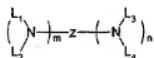
15 [0026] Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

[0027] An organic electroluminescent device according to the present invention includes a first electrode, a second electrode, and a light-emitting layer consisting of a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes.

20 [0028] In this case, a composition of the light-emitting layer includes 0.01~30wt% of the guest material and 0.05~99.9wt% of the host materials.

[0029] And, the guest material is selected from the group consisting of a DCM derivative, a Nile red derivative, a Coumarine derivative, a Phodamine derivative, a pyromethene derivative, and a benzothioxanphene derivative.

25 [0030] Moreover, one of the host materials is a composite including the following structural formula.



where $(m+n)$ is an integer of 1 to 8;

z is A_1 or $-A_2-Q-A_3-$.

35 A1 is selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group wherein a bond between A_1 and nitrogen(N) is connected to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group or an amide or imine bond if A_1 is the aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocycle group,

A_2 and A_3 are aromatic hydrocarbon groups or heterocycle groups substituted or non-substituted independently, respectively, a bond of A_2 , A_3 and nitrogen(N) can be connected to the aromatic hydrocarbon group or the amide or imine bond,

40 Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB wherein a bond of $Q-A_2$, $Q-A_3$, or $Q-A_2-A_3$ is connected to the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB, a substituted or non-substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or a bond of amide, ester, carbonyl, azo, and imine if Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or a heterocycle group; and

45 L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 are selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, a silyl group, and a hydrogen atom, respectively wherein L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 can be bonded to each other chemically, equal to each other, or different from each other.

[0031] Moreover, one of the host materials can be a substituted or non-substituted quinoline derivative.

50 [0032] An organic electroluminescent device according to another embodiment of the present invention includes a first electrode, a second electrode, a light-emitting layer consisting of a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes, and a hole injection/transport layer formed between the first electrode and light-emitting layer, wherein an electron injection/transport layer can be formed between the second electrode and light-emitting layer.

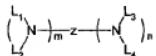
55 [0033] In this case, a maximum PL luminescent peak is at least 550nm and maximum PL luminescent peaks of the first and second host materials are 500~600nm.

[0034] And, the "PL(photoluminescence) peak" is a peak of a liquid state after dissolution in a solvent of THF(tetrahydrofuran), chloroform, acetacidethyl, etc.

[0035] The light-emitting layer of the present invention has a composition of 0.01~30wt% of the guest, 0.05~99.9wt% of the first host, and 0.05~99.9wt% of the second host.

[0036] The first host used in the present invention is a compound having the following structural formula.

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where $(m+n)$ is an integer of 1 to 8;

z is A_1 or $-A_2-Q-A_3$;

A_1 is selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group wherein a bond between A_1 and nitrogen(N) is connected to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group or an amide or imine bond if A_1 is the aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocycle group,

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A_2 and A_3 are aromatic hydrocarbon groups or heterocycle groups substituted or non-substituted independently, respectively, a bond of A_2 , A_3 and nitrogen(N) can be connected to the aromatic hydrocarbon group or the amide or imine bond,

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Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB wherein a bond of $Q-A_2$, $Q-A_3$, or $Q-A_2-A_3$ is connected to the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB, a substituted or non-substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or a bond of amide, ester, carbonyl, azo, and imine if Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or a heterocycle group; and

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L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 are selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, a silyl group, and a hydrogen atom, respectively wherein L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 can be bonded to each other chemically, equal to each other, or different from each other.

[0037] Preferably, the element of the groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB is selected from the group consisting of B, C, Si, N, O, S, and Se.

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[0038] Each of the aliphatic hydrocarbon groups connecting the $A_1/A_2/A_3/N$, A_2/Q , and A_3/Q , respectively has 1 to 12 carbon atoms. Preferably, the aliphatic hydrocarbon group is selected from the group consisting of methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, cyclohexanediy, adamanthanediy, and vinylene groups.

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[0039] A substituent of the A_1 , A_2 , A_3 , or Q is selected from the group consisting of aryloxy, arylcarbonyl, aryloxy-carbonyl, arylcarboxy, aralkyl, aylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonylamin, arylsilyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkoxy-carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy, acylamino, alkylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsilyl, carbamoyl, hydroxy, amino, cyano, nitro, and thiol groups and halogen atoms. More preferably, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of phenoxyl, naphthoxy, phenylcarbonyl, naphthoxy-carbonyl, phenylcarboxyl, benzyl, styryl, vinyl, anilincarbonyl, benzoylamin, tri-phenylsilyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, i-propyl, t-butyl, cyclohexyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, formyl, propionyl, acetylxy, propionylamin, dimethylamino, di-*i*-propylamino, ethylsulfanyl, and trimethylsilyl groups, F, and Cl.

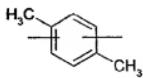
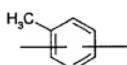
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[0040] Each of the A_1 , A_2 , A_3 , and Q can have at least two of the substituents. In this case, at least two of the substituents are bonded to each other so as to form a saturated or unsaturated ring.

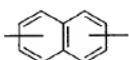
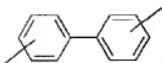
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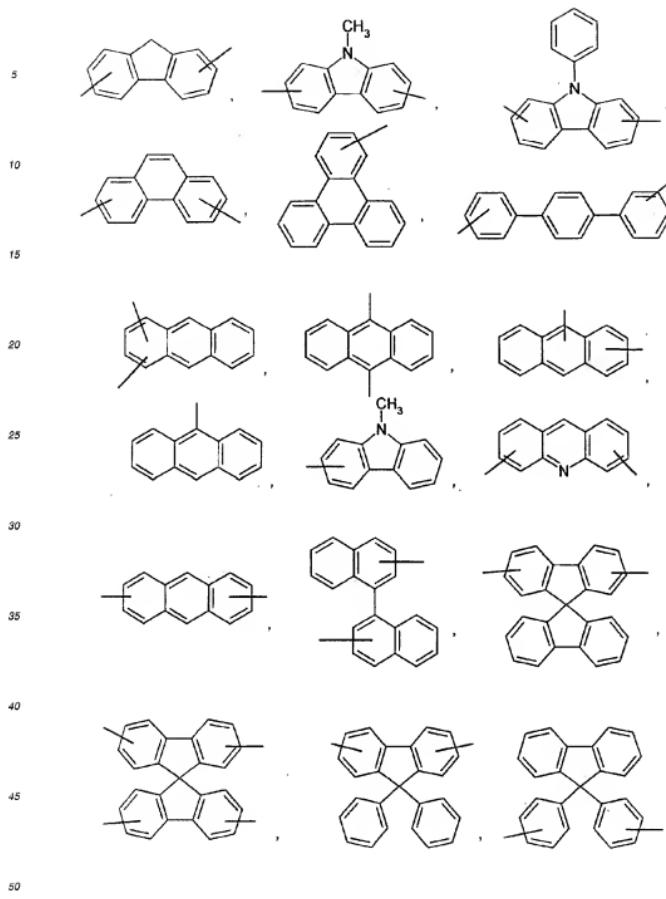
[0041] The aliphatic hydrocarbon group of the A_1 or Q is selected from the group consisting of methylene, ethylene, cyclohexanediy, and adamanthanediy groups. Moreover, an aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocyclic group of each of the A_1 , A_2 , A_3 , and Q is selected from the group consisting of compounds having the following structural formulas.

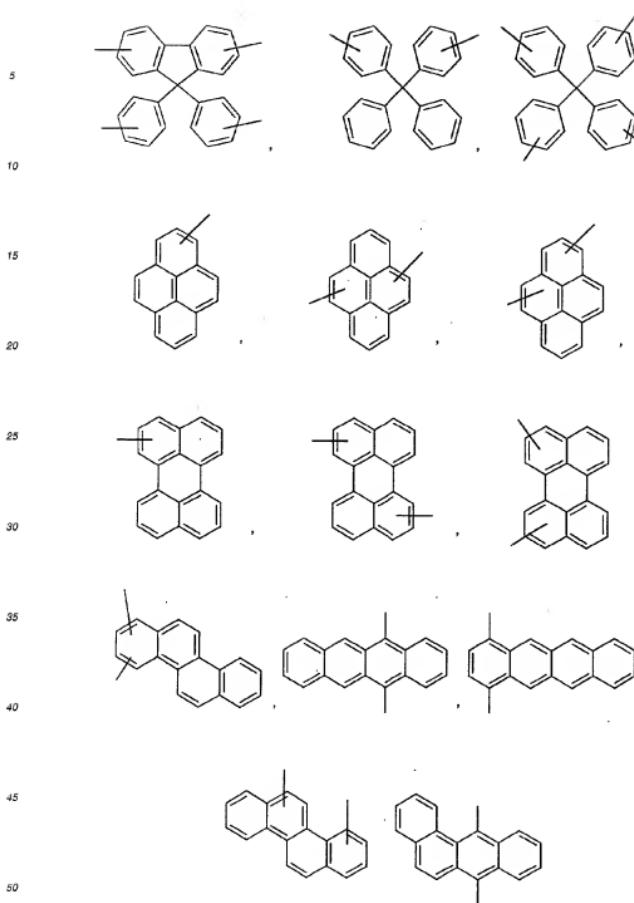
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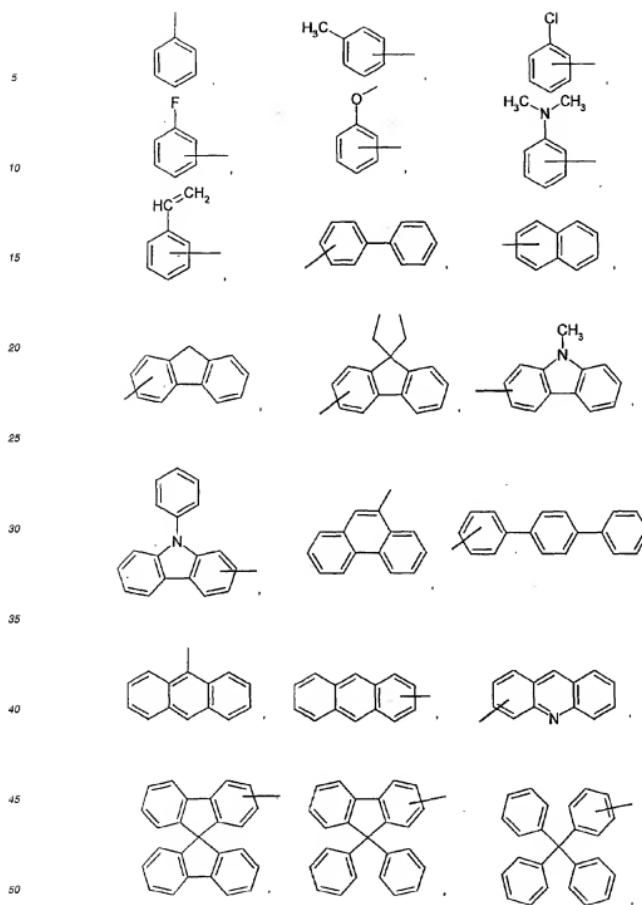
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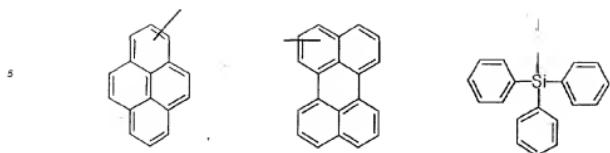






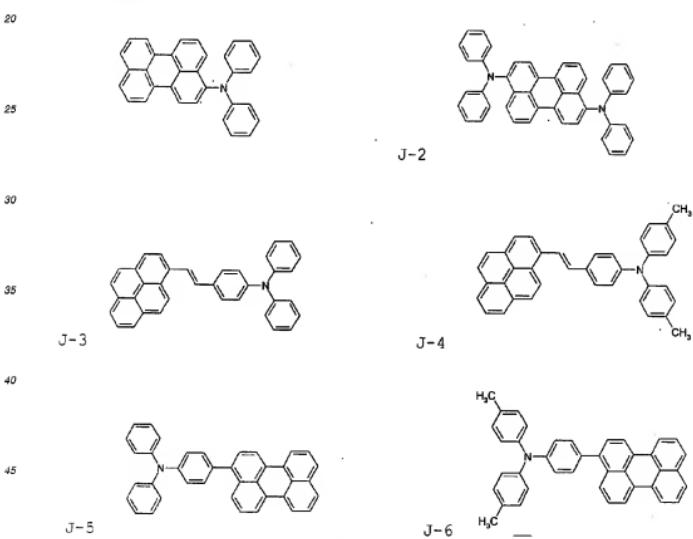
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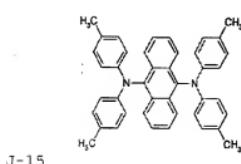
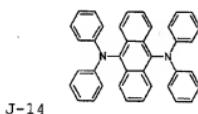
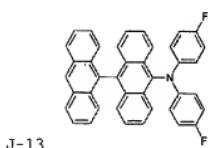
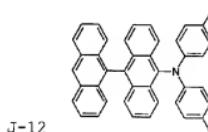
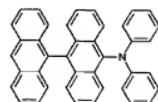
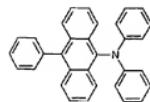
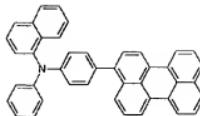
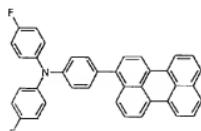


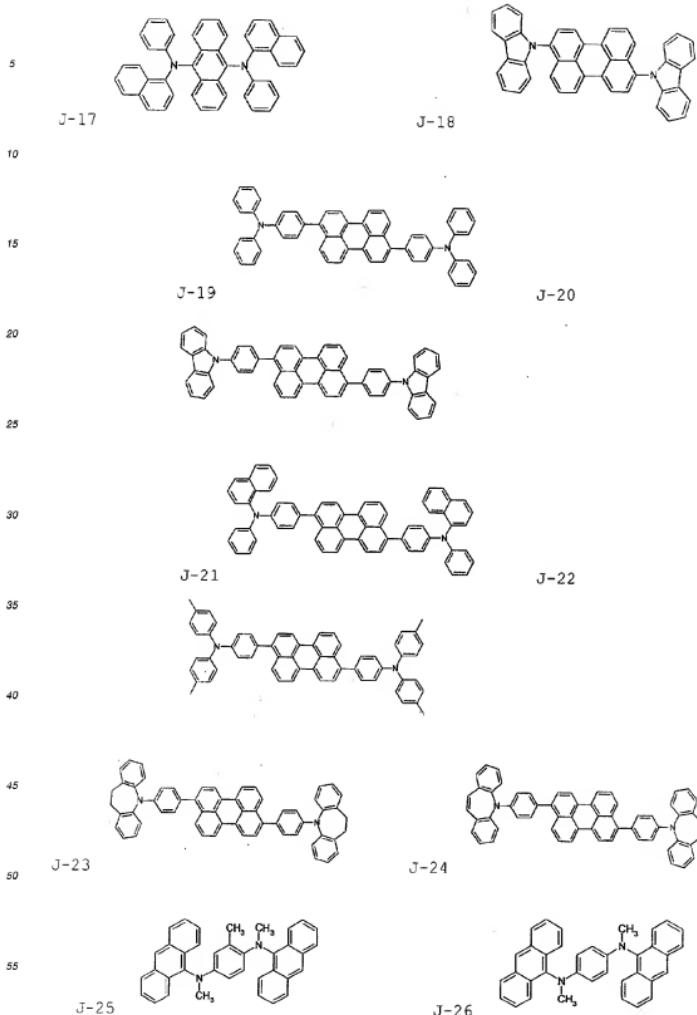


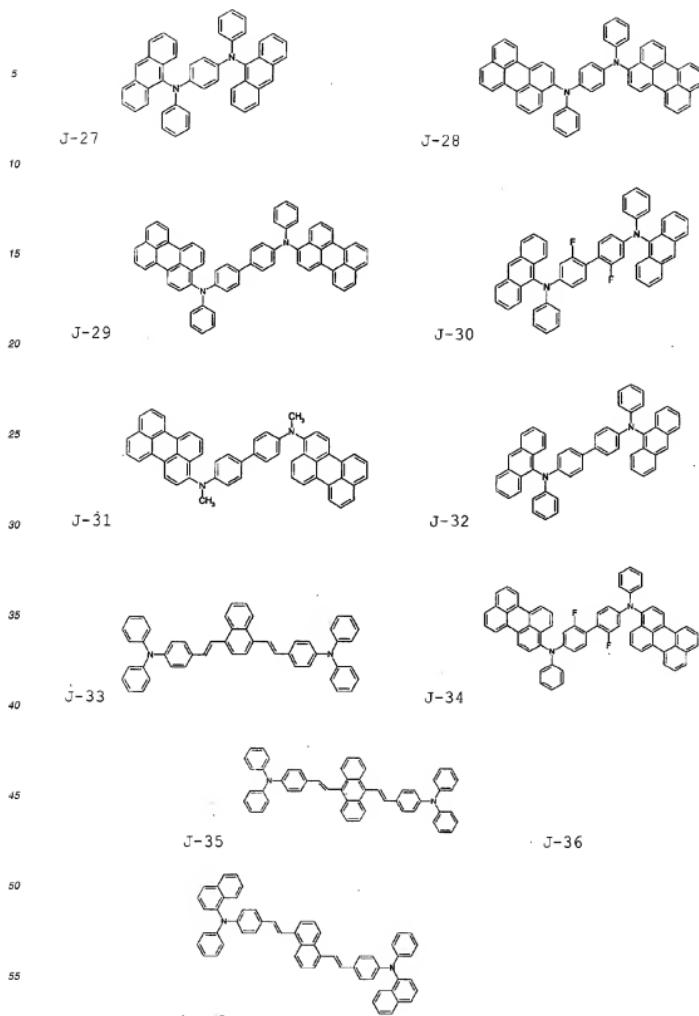
[0043] Meanwhile, each substituent of the L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 is selected from the group consisting of aryloxy, arylamino, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, hydroxy, amino, carbonyl, amide, and carboxy groups and halogen atoms. More preferably, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of phenoxy, tolyloxy, vinyl, aldehyde, methyl, ethyl, propyl, t-butyl, cyclohexyl, diphenylamino, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, dimethylamino, and carboxylic acid groups, F, and Cl.

15 [0044] The first host according to the present invention can be selected from the group consisting of the following structural compounds.



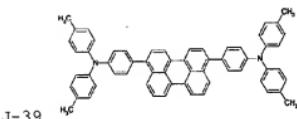
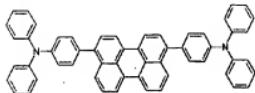




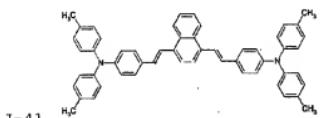
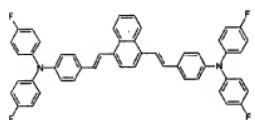




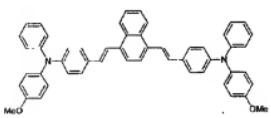
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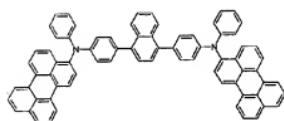


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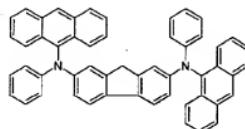
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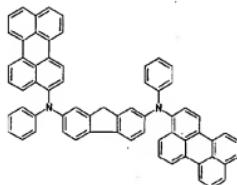


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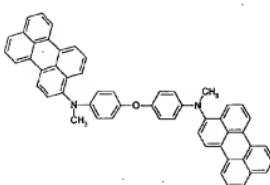
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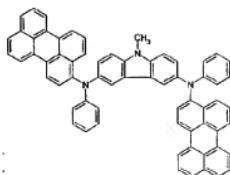
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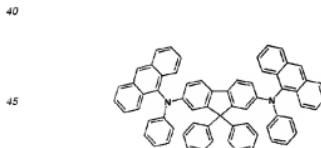
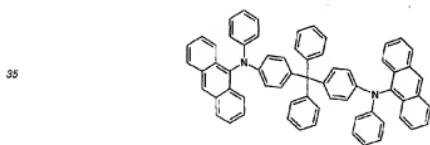
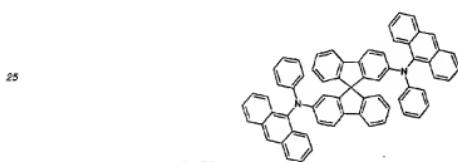
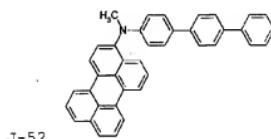
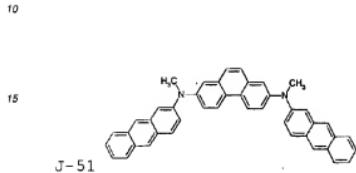
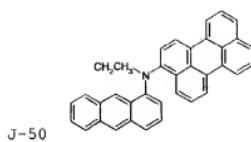
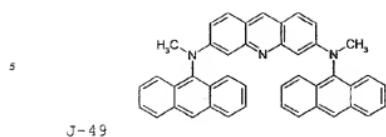


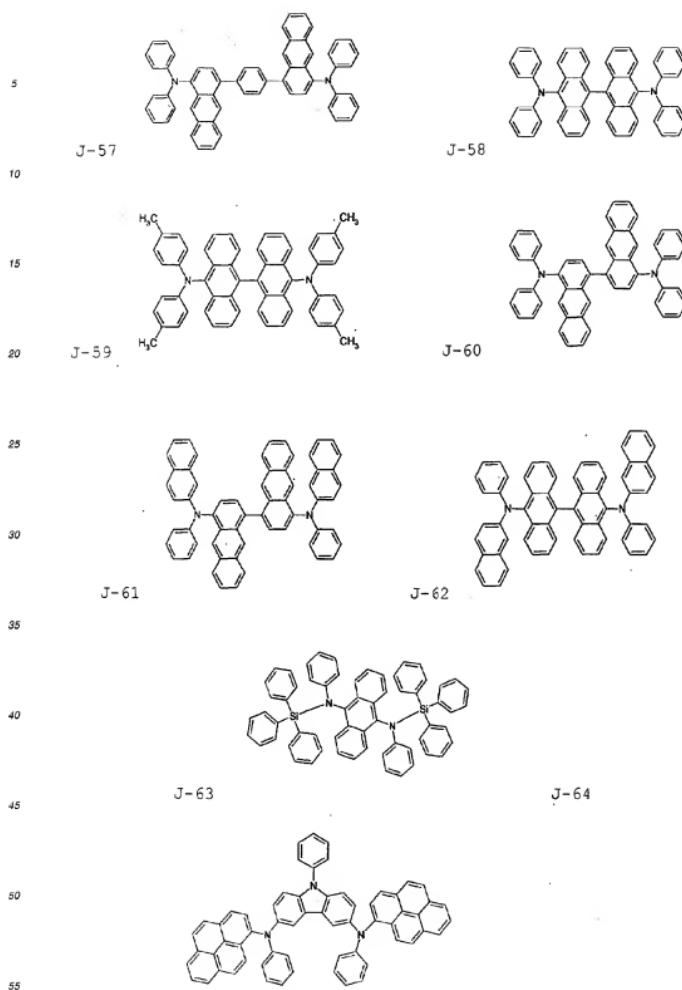
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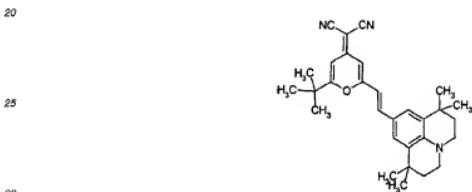
[0045] The second host used in the present invention can be a substituted or non-substituted quinoline derivative. Preferably, the second host is 8-hydroxyquinoline metal complex including the metal selected from the group consisting

of Al, Zn, Mg, and Li, and more preferably, tris(8-quinolinolato) aluminum having the following structural formula.



15 [0046] Moreover, a maximum PL luminescence peak of the guest of the present invention is equal to or greater than 550nm. And, the guest is selected from the group consisting of DCM, Nile red, Coumarine, Rhodamine, pyrromethene, and benzothioxanphenone derivatives.

[0047] Preferably, the DCM derivative has the following structural formula.



[0048] FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B are graphs showing the characteristics of the present invention. FIG. 2A illustrates a graph of an EL peak 1 of a device [NPB(600Å)/first host(200Å)/Alq₃(300Å)/LiF/Al] having a light-emitting layer including a first host only and an EL peak 2 of a device [NPB(600Å)/Alq₃(200Å)/Alq₃(300Å)/LiF/Al] having a light-emitting layer including a second host only. And, a vertical axis in FIG. 2A indicates a normalized EL intensity.

35 [0049] And, FIG. 2B illustrates a graph of an EL peak 3 of a device [NPB(600Å)/first host + Alq₃(200Å)/Alq₃(300Å)/LiF/Al] when first and second host materials are mixed with each other so as to be used for a light-emitting layer.

[0050] Referring to FIG. 2B, an EL peak of the device using first and second host materials together lies between the EL peak of the device using the first host material only and the other peak of the device using the second host only.

40 [0051] The EL (electroluminescent) peak value of the present invention, as shown in FIG. 2B, is between 520~600nm so as to lie between the Alq₃ and first host.

[0052] Hereinafter, the present invention is explained in detail through the following synthesis examples for synthesis of host materials according to the present invention and embodiments exemplary for fabrication of an organic electro-luminescent device using host materials according to the present invention. Yet, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the present invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

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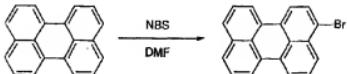
A. Host Material Synthesis According to The Present Invention

Synthesis Example 1: Synthesis of J-1 Compound

5 1) Synthesis of 3-bromoperylene

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[0054] First of all, 2g (0.008mol) of perylene is dissolved in DMF(50ml) out in 2-necks-r.b.f, and then 1.41g of NBS (0.008mol) dissolved in DMF(40ml) is dropped in the 2-necks-r.b.f. slow at room temperature.

[0055] The solution is stirred for an hour, and then the reaction is terminated.

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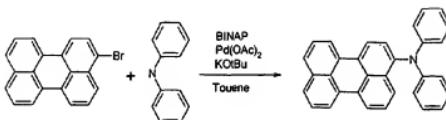
[0056] The reactant is added to methanol for precipitation, whereby precipitate is obtained. The precipitate is then filtered, whereby 2g(75%) of 3-bromoperylene is extracted.

2) Synthesis of 3-(N,N-diphenylamino)-perylene

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[0058] 0.5g (0.00151mol) of 3-bromoperylene obtained in the above synthesis method 1), 0.51g (0.003mol) of diphenylamine, 0.233g (0.0023mol) of sodium ter-butoxide, 0.046g of BINAP[2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl], 0.016g of Pd(II)acetate, and 50ml of toluene are admitted into a 2-necks-r.b.f. so as to be refluxed for 24 hours.

[0059] Toluene is removed from the reaction solution by decompressed distillation. The reaction solution is washed with water, washed again with methanol, and filtered. And, recrystallization is carried out using THF/methanol.

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[0060] Hence, 0.45g(71%) of 3-(N,N-diphenylamino)-perylene is obtained.

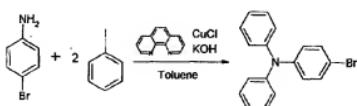
Synthesis Example 2: Synthesis of J-5 Compound

1) Synthesis of (4-bromophenyl)-diphenyl-amine

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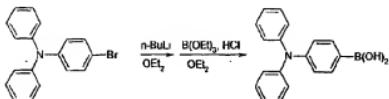
[0062] 10g (0.056mol) of p-bromoaniline, 15ml (0.133mol) of iodinebenzene. 0.5g of 1,10-phenanthroline, 0.32g of CuCl, 25g (0.464mol) of KOH, and 100ml of toluene are admitted into a 250ml-3-necks-r.b.f. having a Dean-Stark trap installed thereto so as to be refluxed for 12 hours.

[0063] Toluene is removed from the reaction solution by decompressed distillation. The reaction solution is washed with water, and then recrystallized with methylene chloride/methanol, whereby 15.3g(81%) of (4-bromophenyl)diphenylamine is obtained.

5 2) Synthesis of 4-(diphenylamino)phenylboronic acid

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[0065] 3.4g(0.0105mol) of (4-bromophenyl)-diphenyl-amine is admitted into a well-dried 3-necks-r.b.f. so as to be dissolved using 40ml of dry diethyl ether.

20 [0066] Then, a bath of dry-ice(-78°C) is installed, on which n-BuLi(1.6M, 9.84ml, 0.0156ml of hexane) is dropped slowly. A reaction temperature is increased to 0°C. the reaction is carried out for about 2 hours. a cooling is carried out using the bath of dry-ice(-78°C), and then 2ml(0.00178mol) of trimethylborate is dropped thereon slowly.

[0067] Once the temperature is increased to room temperature, stirring is carried out for about 3 hours further.

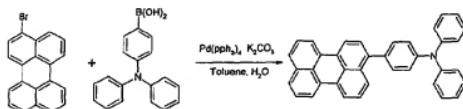
[0068] 1M of HCl is dropped on the stirred solution, and then extractions are carried out for 3 times using ether.

25 [0069] Decompressed distillation is carried out, washing is carried out using a small quantity of petroleum ether, and then filtering is carried out so as to obtain 1.51g(60%) of compound.

3) Synthesis of 3-(4-diphenylamino-phenyl)perylene

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[0071] First of all, 0.3g(0.0009mol) of 3-bromoperylene, 0.39g(0.00135mol) of 4-(diphenylamino)phenylboronic acid, 1g (0.0020mol) of K2CO3 are dissolved in 30ml of toluene and 30ml of H2O.

[0072] Nitrogen gas is blown in for about 30 minutes. PD(pph3)4 amounting to 5mol% of 3-bromoperylene is added thereto, and then refluxing and stirring are carried out for 24 hours.

[0073] Water is removed therefrom, and washings are carried out 2-3 times using H2O.

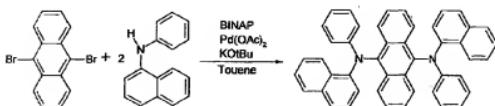
40 [0074] After toluene has been removed from the reaction solution by decompressed distillation, the reactant is dissolved in THF so as to obtain precipitate from methanol.

[0075] Hence, 0.29g(53%) of compound is obtained. In the THF solvent, a PL peak λ_{max} is 520nm.

Synthesis Example 3: Synthesis of J-17 Compound

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[0077] 5g(0.149mol) of 9,10-dibromoanthracene, 9.8g(0.0447mol) of N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, 5.37g(0.052mol) of tert-butoxide, 0.46g of BINAO, and 0.1g of Pd(II)acetate are admitted into a 1-neck-r.b.f., and 130ml of toluene is added thereto. And, the solution is refluxed so as to be stirred for 30 hours.

[0078] Toluene is removed by decompressed distillation, and the toluene-free reaction solution is washed twice.

5 [0079] Recrystallization is carried out thereon using THF and methanol.

[0080] Hence, 3.6g(40%) of compound is obtained.

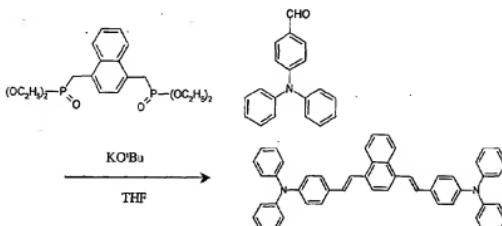
[0081] In the THF solvent, a PL peak λ_{max} is 520nm.

Synthesis Example 4: Synthesis of J-33 Compound

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[0083] 1.5g(0.0035mol) of naphthylphosphate and 2.4g(0.0088mol) of 4-diphenylaminobenzaldehyde, which are admitted into a 2-necks-r.b.f., are dissolved in 80ml of THF. 1.96g(0.018mol) of KOBu are then added to the reaction solution so as to be stirred for 24 hours at room temperature.

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[0084] After reaction, methanol is added thereto so as to obtain precipitate. And, the precipitate is filtered, whereby 1.26g(80%) of compound is obtained.

B. Fabrication of Organic Electroluminescent Device

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First Embodiment

[0085] In the first embodiment of the present invention, two species of host materials are deposited on an organic light-emitting layer together with a red luminescent material for the fabrication of the organic EL device.

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[0086] First of all, an ITO glass is patterned so as to have a size of 3mm x 3mm. The patterned ITO glass is then cleaned.

[0087] A substrate is loaded on a vacuum chamber of which basic pressure is set up as 1×10^{-6} torr, CuPC(80Å), NPB(350Å), a light-emitting layer(first host : second host : red luminescent material)(200Å), Alq₃(500Å), LiF(5Å), and Al(1,000Å) are deposited successively on the ITO.

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[0088] J-5 compound, Alq₃, and dojtb are used as the first host, second host, and red luminescent material of the light-emitting layer respectively. In this case, a mixture ratio between the first host, second host, and red luminescent material is 1.1:0.2.

[0089] As a result of experiment, brightness shows 612cd/m²(9.4V) at 1mA, whereby CIE x=0.610, y=0.382.

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Second Embodiment

[0090] The second embodiment of the present invention is carried out by the same method of the first embodiment of the present invention except that J-17 compound is used.

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[0091] As a result of experiment, brightness shows 700cd/m²(9.8V) at 1mA, whereby CIE x=0.605, y=0.384.

Comparative Example

[0092] First of all, an ITO glass is patterned so as to have a size of 3mm x 3mm. The patterned ITO glass is then

cleaned. A substrate is loaded on a vacuum chamber of which base pressure is set up as 1×10^{-6} torr, CuPC(50Å), NPB(350Å), a light-emitting layer(200Å), Alq₃(500Å), LiF(5Å), and Al(1,000Å) are deposited successively on the ITO. In this case, the light-emitting layer includes Alq₃ and a red luminescent material only, and a mixture ratio thereof is 1:0.01.

5 [0093] As a result of experiment, brightness shows 500cd/m² (10.0V) at 1mA, whereby CIE x=0.607, y=0.386.
 [0094] As explained in the above description, the organic electroluminescent device according to the present invention transfers energy efficiently using the red luminescent material, thereby enabling to enhance a red luminescence efficiency.
 10 [0095] Accordingly, the present invention uses such a light-emitting layer, thereby enabling to realize a red luminescent device having a high efficiency despite a low driving voltage.
 [0096] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the present invention. Thus, it is intended that the present invention covers the modifications and variations of this invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

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Claims

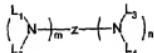
20 1. An organic electroluminescent device comprising:
 a first electrode;
 a second electrode; and
 a light-emitting layer having a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes.

25 2. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a composition of the light-emitting layer includes 0.01~30wt% of the guest material and 0.05~99.9wt% of the host materials.

30 3. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1 or 2, wherein the guest material is selected from the group consisting of a DCM derivative, a Nile red derivative, a Coumarine derivative, a Phodamine derivative, a pyromethene derivative, and a benzothioxanphene derivative.

35 4. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of the preceding claims, wherein one of the host materials is a composite including the following structural formula:

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wherein (m+n) is an integer of 1 to 8;

z is A₁ or A₂-C-A₃,

45 A₁ is selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group wherein a bond between A₁ and nitrogen(N) is connected to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group or an amide or imine bond if A₁ is the aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocycle group,

A₂ and A₃ are aromatic hydrocarbon groups or heterocycle groups substituted or non-substituted independently, respectively; a bond of A₂, A₃ and nitrogen(N) can be connected to the aromatic hydrocarbon group or the amide or imine bond.

50 Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB wherein a bond of Q-A₂, Q-A₃, or Q-A₂-A₃ is connected to the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB, a substituted or non-substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or a bond of amide, ester, carbonyl, azo, and imine if Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or a heterocycle group; and

55 L₁, L₂, L₃, and L₄ are selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, a silyl group, and a hydrogen atom, respectively wherein L₁, L₂, L₃, and L₄ can be bonded to each other chemically, equal to each other, or different from each other.

5. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of the preceding claims, wherein one of the host materials is a substituted or non-substituted quinoline derivative.

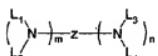
6. An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

10 a first electrode;
 a second electrode;
 a light-emitting layer having a guest material of a red luminescent material and at least two host materials so as to be formed between the first and second electrodes; and
 a hole injection/transport layer formed between the first electrode and light-emitting layer.

15 7. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 6, wherein an electron injection/transport layer is formed between the second electrode and light-emitting layer.

8. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 6 or 7, wherein the light-emitting layer has a composition of 0.01~30wt% of the guest, 0.05~99.9wt% of the first host, and 0.05~99.9wt% of the second host.

9. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 6 to 8, wherein the first host is a compound having the following structural formula:



25 where (m+n) is an integer of 1 to 8;

z is A_1 or $-A_2-Q-A_3$.

30 A_1 is selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group wherein a bond between A_1 and nitrogen(N) is connected to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group or an amide or imine bond if A_1 is the aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocycle group,

35 A_2 and A_3 are aromatic hydrocarbon groups or heterocycle groups substituted or non-substituted independently, respectively, a bond of A_2 , A_3 and nitrogen(N) can be connected to the aromatic hydrocarbon group or the amide or imine bond.

40 Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB wherein a bond of $Q-A_2$, $Q-A_3$, or $Q-A_2-A_3$ is connected to the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an element of groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB, a substituted or non-substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or a bond of amide, ester, carbonyl, azo, and imine if Q is a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or a heterocycle group; and

45 L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 are selected from the group consisting of a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a heterocycle group, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, a silyl group, and a hydrogen atom, respectively wherein L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 can be bonded to each other chemically, equal to each other, or different from each other.

50 10. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 9, wherein the element of the groups IIIB, IVB, VB, and VIB is selected from the group consisting of B, C, Si, N, O, S, and Se.

55 11. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 9 or 10, wherein each of the aliphatic hydrocarbon groups connecting the $A_1/A_2/A_3/N$, A_2/Q , and A_3/Q , respectively has 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

12. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 11, wherein the aliphatic hydrocarbon group is selected from the group consisting of methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, cyclohexanediyl, adamanthanediy, and vinylene groups

13. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 9 to 12, wherein a substituent of the A_1 , A_2 , A_3 , or Q is selected from the group consisting of aryloxy, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylcarboxy, aralkyl, arylamino-carbonyl, arylcarboxyamino, arylsilyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkoxy carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy, acylamino, alkylamino, alkylamino carbonyl, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsilyl, carbamoyl, hydroxy, amino, cyano, nitro, and thiol groups and halogen atoms.

14. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 13, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of phenoxy, naphthoxy, phenylcarbonyl, naphthylxocarbonyl, phenylcarboxy, benzyl, styril, vinyl, anilinocarbonyl, benzoylamino, tri-phenylsilyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, i-propyl, t-butyl, cyclohexyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, formyl, propionyl, acetoxy, propionylamino, dimethylamino, di-i-propylamino, ethylsulfuryl, and trimethylsilyl groups, F, and Cl.

15. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 9 to 14, wherein each of the A₁, A₂, A₃, and Q has at least two of the substituents and wherein at least two of the substituents are bonded to each other so as to form a saturated or unsaturated ring.

16. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 9 to 15, wherein the aliphatic hydrocarbon group of the A_i or Q is selected from the group consisting of methylene, ethylene, cyclohexanediyl, and adamanthanediyl groups and wherein an aromatic hydrocarbon or heterocyclic group of each of the A₁, A₂, A₃, and Q is selected from the group consisting of compounds having the following structural formulas:

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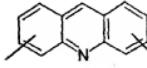
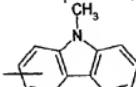
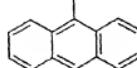
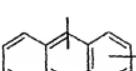
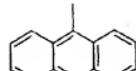
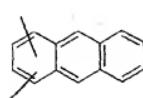
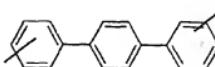
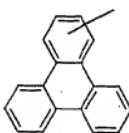
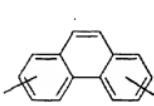
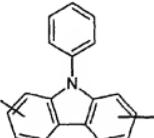
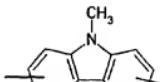
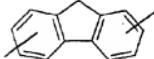
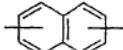
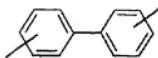
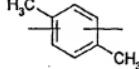
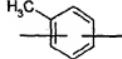
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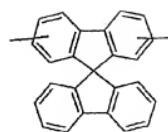
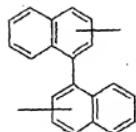
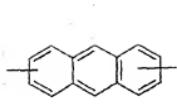
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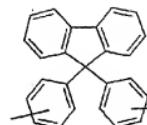
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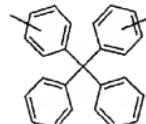
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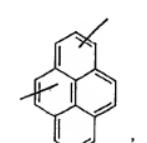
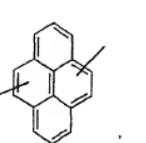
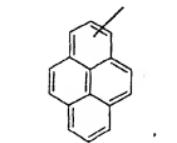


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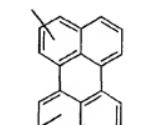
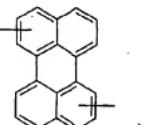
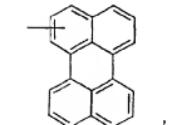
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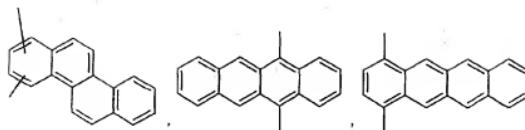


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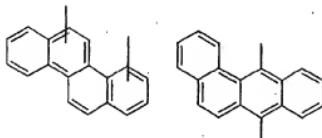
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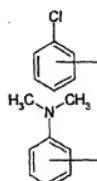
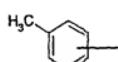
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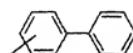
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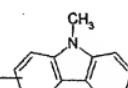
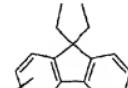
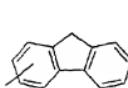
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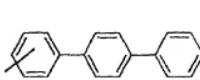
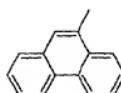
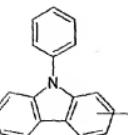
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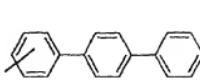
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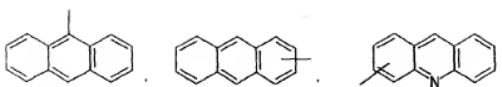
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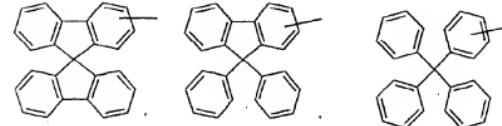


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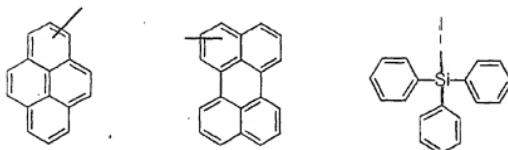
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18. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 9 to 17, wherein each substituent of the L₁, L₂, L₃, and L₄ is selected from the group consisting of aryloxy, arylamino, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, hydroxy, amino, carbonyl, amide, and carboxy groups and halogen atoms.

19. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 18, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of phenoxy, tolyloxy, vinyl, aldehyde, methyl, ethyl, propyl, i-propyl, i-butyl, cyclohexyl, diphenylamino, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, dimethylamino, and carboxylic acid groups, F, and Cl.

20. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 6 to 19, wherein the first host is selected from the group consisting of the following structural compounds:

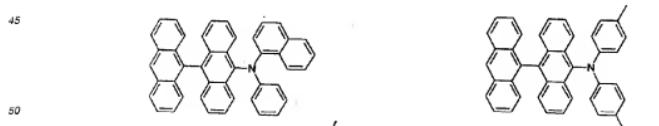
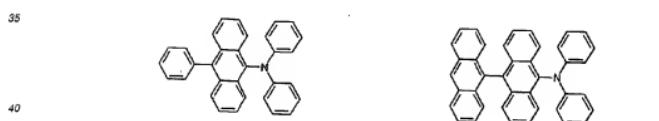
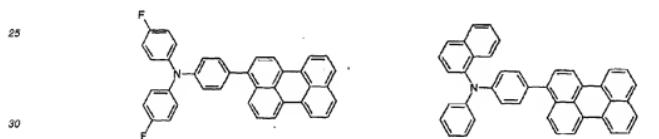
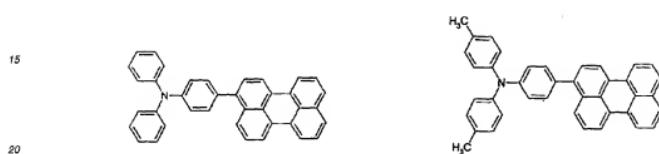
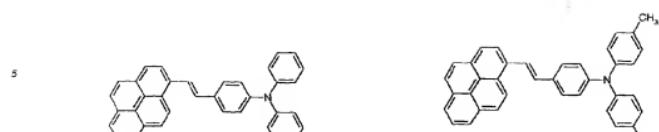
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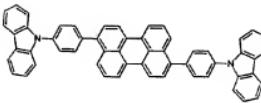
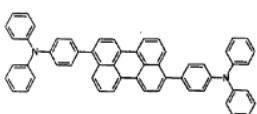
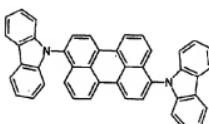
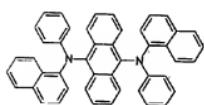
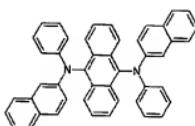
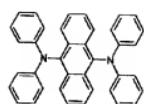
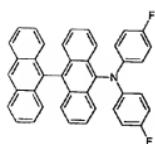
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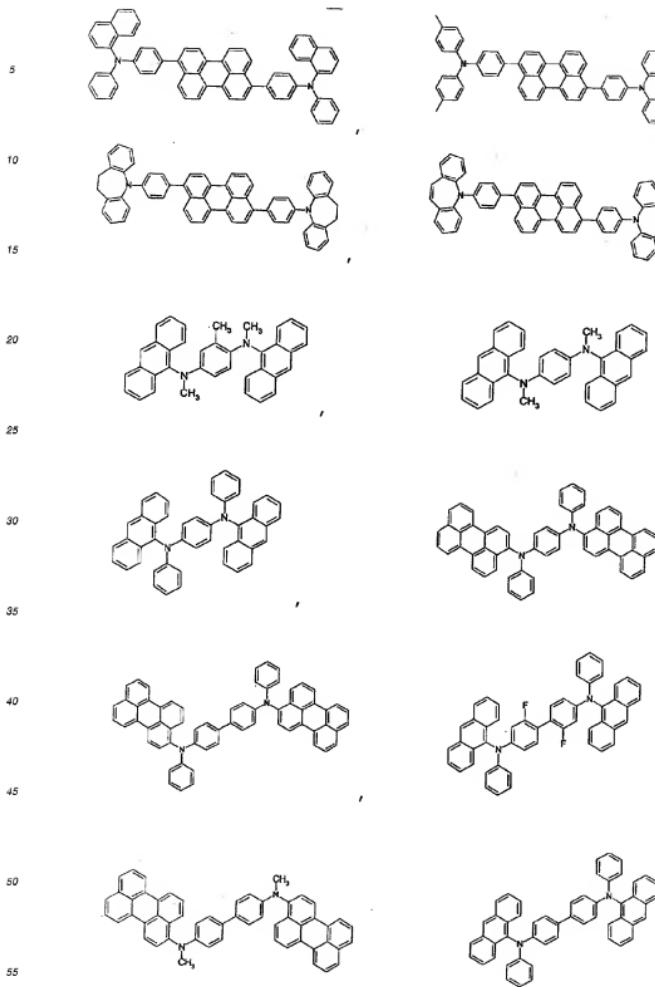


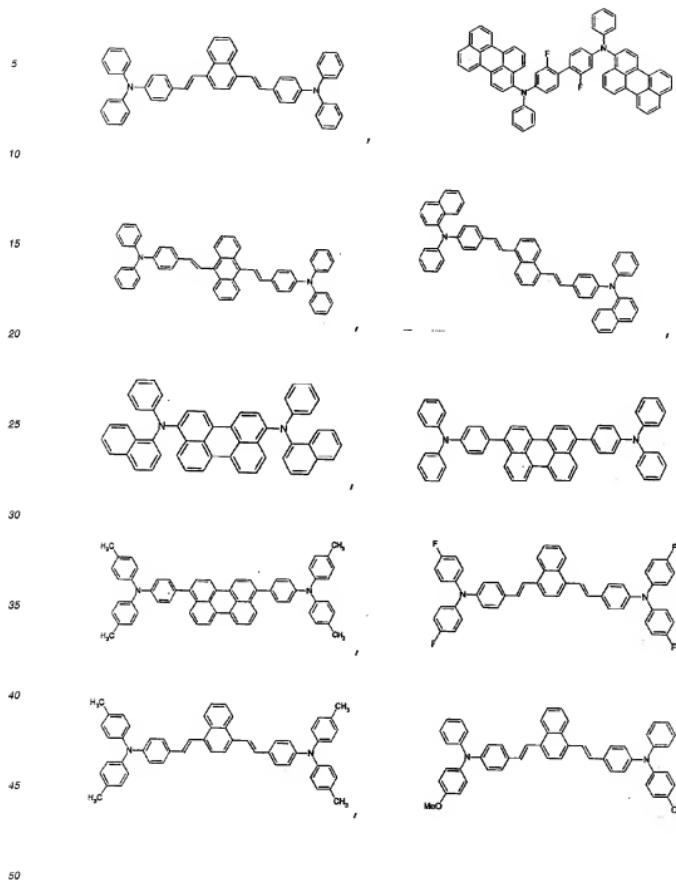


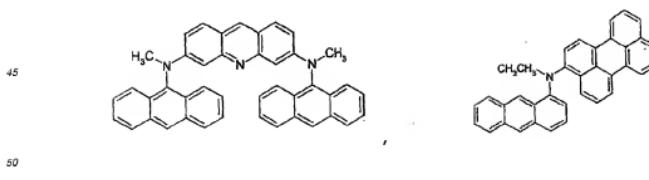
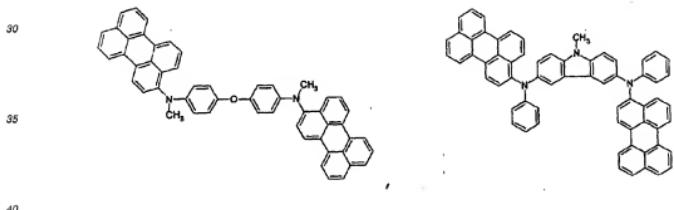
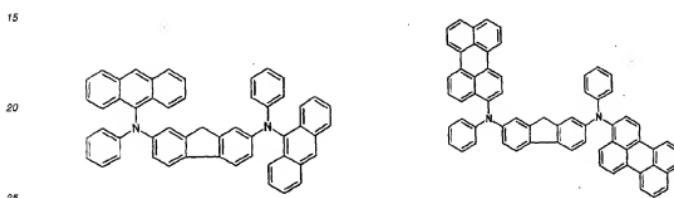
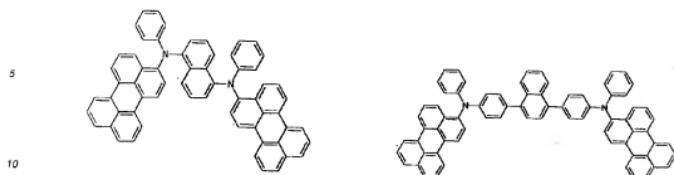
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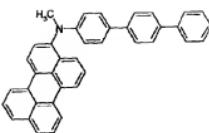
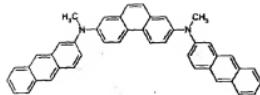
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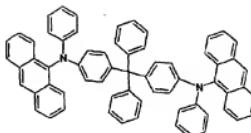
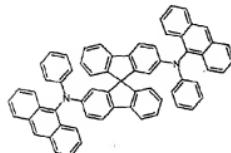




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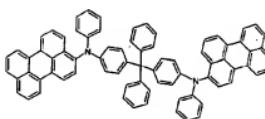
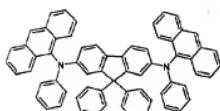


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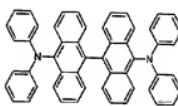
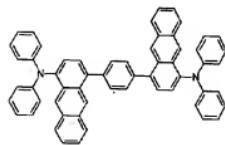
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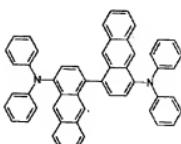
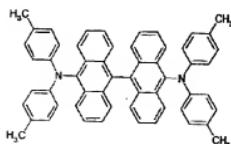
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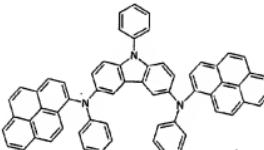
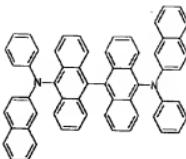
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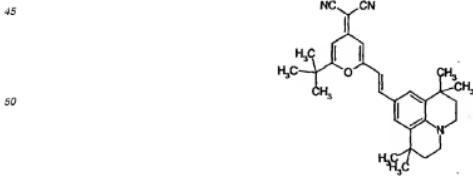




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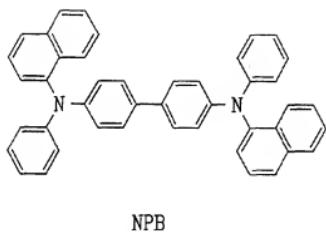
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21. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 6 to 20, wherein second host is a substituted or non-substituted quinoline derivative.
- 30 22. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 21, wherein the second host is 8-hydroxyquinoline metal complex including the metal selected from the group consisting of Al, Zn, Mg, and Li.
23. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 22, wherein the second host is tris(8-quinolinolate)aluminum.
- 35 24. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 6 to 23, wherein a maximum PL luminescence peak of the guest is equal to or greater than 550nm.
- 25 25. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 24, wherein the guest is selected from the group consisting of DCM, Nile red, Coumarine, Rhodamine, pyrromethene, and benzothioxanphene derivatives.
- 40 26. The organic electroluminescent device of claim 25, wherein the DCM derivative has the following structural formula:



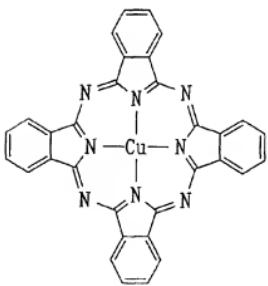
27. The organic electroluminescent device of at least one of claims 6 to 26, wherein the first and second host materials have maximum PL luminescent peaks of 500~600nm, respectively.

FIG. 1A



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FIG. 1B



Copper(II) phthalocyanine(CuPc)

FIG. 2A

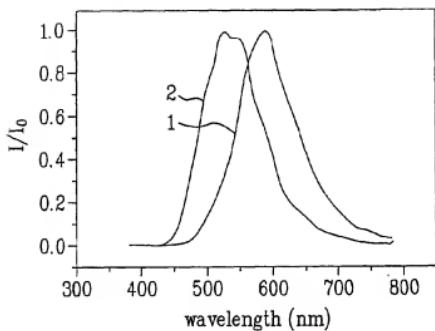


FIG. 2B

